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**ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**

**UTILITY COMPLAINT FORM**

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**Investigator:** Guadalupe Ortiz

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Fax:** [REDACTED]

**Priority:** Respond Within Five Days

**Opinion**

**No.** 2009 - 77946

**Date:** 3/31/2009

**Complaint Description:**

08A Rate Case Items - Opposed

N/A Not Applicable

**First:**

**Last:**

**Complaint By:**

**Jeanne**

**Horsmann**

**Account Name:**

Jeanne Horsmann

**Home:** [REDACTED]

**Street:**

[REDACTED]

**Work:**

**City:**

Sonoita

**CBR:** [REDACTED]

**State:**

AZ

**Zip:** [REDACTED]

**is:** E-Mail

**Utility Company:**

**Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.**

**Division:**

Electric

**Contact Name:**

[REDACTED]

Arizona Corporation Commission

**Contact Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Nature of Complaint:**

**DOCKETED**

REFERRED FROM CHAIRMAN MAYES OFFICE:

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RE: Docket No. E-01575A-08-0328

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[Signature]

-----Original Message-----

From: Jeanne & Rob Horsmann [mailto:[REDACTED]]

Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2009 9:41 PM

To: Newman-Web; Kennedy-Web; Pierce-Web; Stump-Web; Mayes-WebEmail

Subject: SSVEC Board of Directors Meeting

For your information. Attached is a summary of the 'Call to Members' portion of the March 25th Board of Directors meeting in Patagonia.

To: Chairman Mayes and Commissioners

Date: March 30, 2009

Re: SSVEC Regular Board Meeting March 25th 2009, Patagonia, Arizona

Members of Save the Scenic Sonoita/Elgin Grasslands attended and addressed the Board. There were three main topics of presentation.

1. Jeanne Horsmann presented the Board with an update on the community efforts to host the 2nd Santa Cruz County Renewable Energy Expo. This expo will be held April 11th, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds, Sonoita. In the two weeks since this effort began, the expo has grown to include the following exhibitors/presenters:

Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords Office Arizona Department of Commerce, Energy Office Allwest Energy, Florence American Solar Electric, Scottsdale Arizona Electric Power Cooperative A.R.E. Solar Community Farms, Sonoita Copernicus Energy, Tubac Custom Solar & Leisure, Tucson Expert Solar Systems, Tucson

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Hendricks Plumbing, Patagonia Mountain Empire Electrical Technologies, Sonoita New Zero Solar, Tucson SolarForRent, Tucson Southwest Solar, Tucson Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative The Solar Store, Tucson

Local Community Organizations:

Local Sustainability for E Santa Cruz, Patagonia Mountain Empire Rotary Club Patagonia Area Business Association Save the Scenic Santa Ritas Save the Scenic Sonoita/Elgin Grasslands Sonoita Crossroads Community Forum Sonoita Elgin Chamber of Commerce With live music by the local Hog Canyon Band

The community is very supportive of this effort with over 25 local individuals and businesses pledging sponsorship of over \$1,000. Generous donations from SSVEC and AEPCO have also been promised.

This expo is a direct result of our desire to find an alternative to the proposed 69 kV power line that SSVEC is installing. At the February Board of Directors meeting, SSVEC gave us one month to come up with viable alternatives and 'show them the money'. To come up with an alternative in one month is just not possible. Jeanne Horsmann asked the Board of Directors of SSVEC to give us one year to research and develop alternative solutions. The community is behind this effort and sincerely wants to work with SSVEC to find a solution.

This expo is the first step to educating the community about renewable alternatives to the power line. Our plan is to get 500 homes/businesses to install alternative energy and thus reduce the demands on the current line negating the need for a new larger line.

2. The second step to 'show them the money' is to get a grant(s) to fund a feasibility study for the construction of one or more local small (1-5 MW) alternative power generating station(s). Rob Horsmann presented to the Board information that Audubon in conjunction with Toyota has grants for just such a project. The Sonoita Crossroads Community Forum and the Audubon Research Ranch have joined forces to apply for this grant. Rob told the Board that we would take Jack Blair up on SSVEC's previous offer to use their grant writer for this effort. We are also continuing to look for other grant sources.

3. Finally, Gail Getzwiller, presented the Board an analysis of SSVEC's outage figures for 2008. When the numbers are added up for the five most 'unreliable' feeder lines, it is apparent that our V7 feeder does not have the most outages or number of hours off/consumer. (See table below) It is also apparent that the causes of outages, i.e. birds, wind, lightning, etc., would also affect a new line and thus the 'reliability' of power to the Elgin, Sonoita, Patagonia area would not be improved. Gail also asked for one year.

Gail also presented the Board with several articles about the upcoming problems the electric industry will be facing with coal fired electric plants and the new 3M aluminum wire that could be used to upgrade the existing line to Sonoita, which would negate the need for the 69 kV line.

The Board listened and for the first time appeared to be receptive to our ideas. Although Creden Huber expressed surprised at our request for 'one year'.

Dorothy Sturges, of Sonoita, requested a direct answer from the Board as to when we would receive cost comparisons on the alternatives vs. the proposed line. Creden Huber answered that they were working on it and when pressed said we would receive an answer in one month.

As of this date, we have heard nothing back from SSVEC about our request for a one-year hiatus on the 69 kV power line construction.

### 2008 OUTAGE DATA SSVEC

Date: LINE: Hrs Off: # of Consumers: Consumer Hrs Off: HR OFF/CON  
YYMMDD:

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TOTAL V7[Sonoita /Patagonia]179.98[3057]3839.91[0.06]

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TOTAL O5[Mescal] [ ] [392.22]2639[4657.97]0.15

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TOTAL R3[Ramsey] [ ] [64.16]1006[2988.66]0.06

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TOTAL J3[Kansas Settlement] [ ] [197.05]1202[3409.05]0.16

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TOTAL K2[CHR] [ ] [239.75]1828[4299.75]0.13

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As you can see from the data, there are 3 lines with twice the hours off per customer than Sonoita, and one with the same number of hours off per customer.

Sonoita area is not their worst performing feeder line, as we have been lead to believe.

Thank you for your continued interest and assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Horsmann

Jeanne Horsmann

Save the Scenic Sonoita/Elgin Grasslands

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Sonoita, AZ [REDACTED]

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\*End of Complaint\*

**Utilities' Response:**

n /a

\*End of Response\*

**Investigator's Comments and Disposition:**

3/31/2009 Email to Customer:

March 31, 2009

Dear Ms. Horsmann,

Your email regarding the Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("SSVEC") has been received through Chairman Mayes' office.

The Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") has jurisdiction only over the rate impacts and quality of service effects of a 69 kV line, but has no line siting jurisdiction of any line below 115 kV.

Your comments to the Commission in regard to this matter will be entered into the docket of the pending SSVEC rate case in Docket Control.

Any information relating to the 69kV line can be better answered directly by SSVEC.

Sincerely,

Guadalupe Ortiz

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Public Utilities Consumer Analyst  
Arizona Corporation Commission  
Utilities Division

  
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\*End of Comments\*

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